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My Lord,

I have the honour to submit a short summary of a visit I lately paid to Kisumu and the Northern Ports.

Such of the matters dealt with during this tour as require special mention will be dealt with in separate reports.

I have the honour to be,  
With the highest respect,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient,  
Humble servant,

H.M. PRINCIPAL SECRETARY OF STATE

FOR THE COLONIES,

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His Excellency the Governor left Mombasa in the s.s. "Juba" on the evening of the 22nd of April and arrived in Malindi Harbour at 8 a.m. on the 23rd. He was accompanied by Captain Sadler, Aide-de-Camp, Mr. Hinde, Mr. Watts and the Honourable Major Leggett.

An interesting morning was spent in the East Africa Corporation Ginnery; in the afternoon, despite heavy rain, His Excellency inspected the uncompleted ginning works of the Sabaki Syndicate erected by Mr. Jones. The motive power in the former ginnery is supplied from a massive water boiler, and the works are completely above ground; in the latter ginnery the power is communicated by an oil and air engine, and is transferred beneath the ground level.

The same evening His Excellency left for Lamu arriving there at 8.30 a.m. on the 24th, whereupon he immediately proceeded on shore to set in motion certain official business before boarding the steam launch to pay a visit to the island of Fasa. The bar over the creek, on leaving Lamu Harbour, is almost impassable of water at low tide and on this occasion the limit was a firm one; after kedging for two hours the bar was safely passed and a pleasant run ensued through Manda Bay to Fasa, where the party landed at 4 p.m. The leading residents extended a welcome to His Excellency and showed two old ruins with Arabic inscriptions dating back from the 12th century; an old civilization had evidently penetrated these shores about the time that the Normans conquered England. Leaving Fasa at sunset the party arrived back

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back on the "Juba" at 10 p.m.

On the following day a large Baraza of Arabs, to the number of 80, was attended by His Excellency and important questions dealing with the abolition of the slavery were discussed. A Durbar was afterwards held - both meetings taking place in the new and spacious Customs House - of the leading Indians who petitioned His Excellency regarding the ivory trade with Abyssinia, the currency of the cents, the cowrie coinage on the coast, the registration of letters and other matters, to all of which His Excellency replied giving immediate answers to some of the questions and noting others for future consideration.

After lunch the party again proceeded on board and steamed for Port Durnford, where the "Juba" arrived on the morning of the 26th. This is a beautiful Harbour and safe anchorage, and the rain, which had fallen incessantly for 24 hours, having cleared off, the climate was fresh and invigorating. There is at present a house but no Government offices at Port Durnford, a small police guard remaining in charge. Water is easily obtained by digging but is brackish; good water can be obtained at a distance of 6 to 8 hours march, but its surroundings are affected with the tsetse fly.

His Excellency remained only a short while on shore, the "Juba" leaving early for Kismayu where anchor was dropped early the next morning. After inspecting the Guard of Honour of the Camel Corps, His Excellency discussed local questions with the Provincial Commissioner and then interviewed the different sections of Somalis, who all had the same plaint, viz that their

cattle

cattle had died by thousands from rinderpest.

After <sup>an</sup> interview with the Italian Mission Fathers, His Excellency discussed the question of the exploitation of the Somali country with Mr. Pendleton and Mr. Agryepoulos; the Italians are making good progress on the left bank and it is hoped that the right bank will shortly see successful endeavours made to develop cotton and other planting industries.

Leaving Kiwayu in the afternoon, the "Juba" again dropped anchor on the following day in Port Durnford Harbour to land the aged chiefs of the Abdullah section of the Somalis, and then weighed anchor for Kiunga of which port the vessel remained for a short while in the open roadstead. The neighbourhood of Kiunga is hemmed with coral reefs, and the anchorage is a long way from the surf striken shore.

Passing Lamu in the night, the "Juba" arrived at Malindi on the 29th; the party again landed and in the afternoon an interesting meeting took place, at which His Excellency presided, to discuss the present difficulties regarding labour and to arrange for future requirements. The voice of the meeting was unanimously that indentured labour would have to be applied for in the near future to meet the rapidly growing demands of Malindi.

The subject of ~~the~~ <sup>a</sup> pier to facilitate the landing and shipping of goods was also thrashed out, and it was resolved that a show jetty should be constructed by the Public Works Department on a site to be settled later in the interests of the planting community.

During the evening the "Juba" left for Mombasa which was reached early the following morning.

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It is noteworthy that two years ago when His Excellency visited Malindi there were two planters in the vicinity; on this occasion 17 planters attended the meeting.